Issue equipment, medical devices, products, associated systems and consumables for use within healthcare



Overview

This standard relates to the safe and correct issue of equipment, medical devices, products, associated systems and consumables to end users within the context in which individuals work. Individuals will be assessed against the standard for each type of item issued within the scope of their normal work activity.

Users of this standard will need to ensure that practice reflects up to date information and policies.

Issue equipment, medical devices, products, associated systems and consumables for use within healthcare

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 work within your level of competence, responsibility and accountability
- P2 check and validate the request for issue, seeking advice where appropriate
- P3 apply appropriate health and safety measures and standard precautions for infection prevention and control when handling items for clinical issue
- P4 check the availability, suitability and condition of the relevant range of items against the intended use prior to issue
- P5 process the request for the item, observing stock rotation and expiry date requirements where applicable
- P6 use appropriate handling tools to handle items with due regard to relevant risks to self and others in line with current manual handling guidelines and legislation
- P7 issue the required number of items or special individual order to the correct delivery location in a manner that minimises risk of damage, theft or deterioration
- P8 ensure appropriate advice, guidance and information is issued to the end user to ensure appropriate use of the issued item
- P9 adjust used stock level records following issue in accordance with local policies and protocols
- P10 maintain full, accurate and legible records of information and store in the correct location in line with current legislation, guidelines, local policies and protocols

Issue equipment, medical devices, products, associated systems and consumables for use within healthcare

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 your own level of competence, authority and specialist knowledge base related to issuing stock items within your work practice
- K2 the range and type of stock items and associated consumables or products normally available
- K3 the range and type of relevant non stock items or individual orders permissible for issue upon specific request and the procedures for obtaining them
- K4 the importance of inspecting the condition, age and decontamination status of reusable stock items prior to issue and again on their return
- K5 the importance of maintaining stock and non stock items in a clean environment and condition ready for clinical use
- K6 the importance of checking items are fit for purpose, prior to issue and how to do this
- K7 the importance of recording details of issue of stock, non stock or any individually ordered items against an asset register and how to document this
- K8 where applicable, the importance of informing the users on their responsibilities for reusable stock items during and after use
- K9 the current national legislation, guidelines, local policies and protocols which affect your work practice
- K10 the policies and guidance that clarify your scope of practice, accountabilities and the working relationship between yourself and others

Issue equipment, medical devices, products, associated systems and consumables for use within healthcare

Additional Information

External Links

This standard links with the following dimension within the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework (October 2004):

Dimension: EF3 Transport and logistics

Issue equipment, medical devices, products, associated systems and consumables for use within healthcare

Developed by	Skills for Health
Version number	1
Date approved	June 2010
Indicative review date	June 2012
Validity	Current
Status	Original
Originating organisation	Skills for Health
Original URN	GEN94
Relevant occupations	Health, Public Services and Care; Nursing and Subjects and Vocations Allie; Health Professionals; Healthcare and Related Personal Services
Suite	General Healthcare
Key words	aliquots, radioactive, radiopharmaceutical